

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An immunogenic composition comprising a combination of *Streptococcus pyogenes* (GAS) antigens in substantially pure form, said combination consisting of two to ten GAS antigens, wherein said combination includes a Spy0269 antigen and a Spy0416 antigen.

2. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein ~~said combination of GAS antigens further includes a~~ the Spy0416 antigen comprises the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:122.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein said Spy0269 antigen comprises an amino acid sequence comprising a first coiled-coil region and a second coiled-coil region.

5. (previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the Spy0269 antigen comprises an amino acid sequence comprising a first coiled-coil region.

6. (original) The composition of claim 5, wherein said first coiled-coil region comprises an amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 12.

7. (previously presented) The composition of claim 4, wherein the Spy0269 antigen comprises an amino acid sequence comprising a second coiled-coil region.

8. (original) The composition of claim 7, wherein said second coiled-coil region includes a leucine zipper region.

9. (original) The composition of claim 7, wherein the second coiled-coil region comprises an amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 13.

10-20. (canceled)

21. (withdrawn–currently amended) A method for the therapeutic or prophylactic treatment of *Streptococcus pyogenes* ~~*Streptococcus pyogenes*~~ infection in an animal susceptible to streptococcal infection comprising administering to said animal a therapeutic or prophylactic amount of the immunogenic composition of claim 1.

22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) A kit comprising a first component comprising the immunogenic composition of claim 1.

24-27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) The immunogenic composition of claim 1 wherein the Spy0269 antigen comprises SEQ ID NO:1.

29. (canceled)